

For Your Information

Weekly

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

September 27, 2013

We are seeking a volunteer member for our Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board. Please call Marilyn McCorvey at 983-1484 for more information or to ask about an application packet.

Dates to Remember:

October 17, 2013	Commission Workshop
October 21, 2013	Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Twenty-six (26) cases found to be in compliance and closed.
- With a few minor corrections required by the fire code, All Juice & Beverages should be ready to receive their certificate of occupancy.
- As soon as Allied Recycling, located at 521 East Haiti, has poured their driveway aprons they will be ready to open for business.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Toddler Story Time at your Library has grown. We are providing story time for approximately 90 preschool children from 4 different daycares in Clewiston. Currently, we entertain one group every 1st and 3rd Wednesday and another group on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. This is for children 3 -5 years old. Mothers can also bring their preschoolers for a fun time of networking and learning for their children. More daycares are definitely welcome. We continue to have our Roaming Story Time for our children where we go to them in daycares as well.
- We are in the organization stage of offering homework help or tutoring at your Library.
- The children's Book Club is still going strong. We have approximately 12 regular attendees and they are enjoying reading together and discussing books they have read. Join us on October 9, at 4:00 PM for a fun time.
- The Clewiston Chamber of Commerce Social at the Library on September 24, 2013, went off with a bang. Approximately 28 attendees were entertained with wonderful food from Cracker Cooking and Catering. Attendees were also excited about a new database the Library would like to subscribe to. A demo of the *A to Z* Database was offered via teleconference and triggered positive comments and questions. An attendee even offered to help sponsor the purchase of the subscription.

- The Library was successful in procuring funding to the tune of \$50,000 from the SW Florida Community Foundation for offering classes and repurposing spaces in the Library. Some classes will begin by mid-October.
- Remember to visit the Hendry County Library System's new website. Check it out at hendrylibraries.org.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Domestic violence incidents are taking a lot of our time recently. Arrests are up relative to incidence.
- Due to the number of complaints, we will be issuing warnings for a couple of weeks, followed by an enforcement period, for vehicles parking across or otherwise blocking the sidewalks. This has become particularly troublesome in residential areas.
- There were no reported incidents during the fishing tournament.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1222** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 534** Complaints Investigated
 - 35** Arrests Made
 - 30** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 20** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 66** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 32** Alarms Responded To
 - 7** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: Special attention to the area around the park construction was requested this week to keep mosquitoes away.
- Paving projects: The contractor is scheduled to be on North Berner on October 7 to install the thermo plastic road markings. 2014 overlay project documents were reviewed on Wednesday.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff shouldered Ventura and repaired driveway aprons on Tuesday, (2) Staff started trimming trees on Ponce de Leon on Thursday, and (3) Street Department worked at the Sweetest Town Playground on Wednesday.
- Golf Course sign: Sean met with City Engineer Tommy Perry and reviewed the "Outdoor Advertising Sign Permit" required by the FDOT on Wednesday.
- Facility Maintenance: Staff has been working the last two weeks replacing AC filters and changing lights and ballasts. All florescent light bulbs and ballasts were recycled.

Utilities Office Manager Davis reports:

- Electric truck and equipment inspections were completed Monday, September 23, 2013.
- The Electric crew has been busy this week drilling holes for the construction of the Sweetest Town Playground and the Water/Sewer crew will be running a water line at the playground this week.
- The warehouse inventory has been completed for electric, water and sewer.
- The Electric crew participated in Career Day at Eastside Elementary School on Monday. The kids enjoyed seeing the bucket truck in action.